





THE COST OF  
LIVING A WAR  
BY MILTON BRONNER

Germany is at a standstill awaiting the knowledge of the indemnity which will come. The amount has not been discussed since the war ended, and may be decided upon at any time. Whatever it is, there is no doubt but that it will make all other countries more dwarfs in comparison. Possibly it will be a larger sum than all other indemnities paid by victors of all other wars.

Indemnities paid by losing nations during the past 100 years include, among others, the following:

Treaty of Paris, November 28, 1815—France to pay Great Britain, Austria, Prussia and Russia a joint indemnity of \$138,687,500 within five years.

Treaty of Adrianople, September 14, 1829—Turkey to pay Russia \$22,575,000 within eight years.

Treaty of Nankin, August 29, 1842—China to pay Great Britain \$10,500,000 within three years.

Treaty of Milan, August 6, 1849—Austria to pay Austria \$14,750,000 within a year.

Treaty of Peking, October 24, 1860—China to pay Great Britain \$6,000,000 within one year and a half.

Treaty of Tientsin, April 26, 1860—China to pay Spain \$50,000 within a year.

Treaty of Saigon, June 5, 1862—Annam to pay France and Spain \$2,000,000 within 16 years.

Treaty of Miramar, April 10, 1864—Austria to pay France \$53,000,000 within three years.

Treaty of Prague, April 23, 1866—Prussia to pay Prussia \$29,500,000 within a month.

Treaty of Versailles, February 26, 1919, whereby France agreed to pay Germany an indemnity of about one billion dollars within four years' time. It was also to pay for the cost of the German army of occupation, which one time was about 500,000 men. In 1919 this army of occupation at France \$50,000,000.

Treaty of Constantinople, February 19, 1919, whereby Turkey paid Russia \$9,000,000 within seven years.

Treaty of Shimonoseki, April 17, 1895, whereby China agreed to pay Japan \$100,000,000 within seven and a half years.

Treaty of Constantinople, December 1897, whereby Greece agreed to pay Turkey \$2,000,000.

In only two instances have victors paid large pecuniary compensation for ceded territory which might have been claimed by right of conquest.

In the treaty of August 13, 1816, Holland ceded her colonies of Cape of Good Hope, Dordrecht and Bevelde, to Great Britain, which paid her \$20,000,000.

Treaty of Paris, December 10, 1898, whereby Spain ceded the Philippine Islands to the United States, but was given \$20,000,000 in cash by us.

**CHINESE CREW OF  
BRITISH SHIP IN  
MUTINY; TWO DIE**

(The Associated Press.)  
NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 2.—Eleven Chinese members of the crew of the British steamer Elm Leaf were hanged today when guards resorted to pistol fire to quell mutiny aboard the boat, resulting from a refusal to leave shore leave. Two will die.

**Attack With Knives.**  
(United Press.)  
NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 2.—Eleven Chinese sailors were shot, two being fatally wounded, in a pitched battle after the deck of the British steamer Elm Leaf, anchored at Good Hope, 15 miles above here, this morning.

Federal authorities said telegraphic reports said the Chinese were armed when they threatened to go ashore. Twenty-four, all the members of the crew, waited until only a few guards were on duty, then attacked with knives, machetes and pistols. Scores of shots were fired and the ship's officers joined the fight.

Al. Cantano returned Sunday from Khartoum, where he has been under treatment for the past month or weeks, and he is much improved health.

**THE MOVIES**  
(Published by the Daily News as  
information for its readers.)

**CRYSTAL**  
"28 East," Constance Binney;  
Fox News; also comedy.

**LYRIC**  
"Master Mind," John Barrymore; Mutt and Jeff Cartoon;  
Anna Holmes Travelogue.

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## Ku Klux Klan Demonstrates That White Supremacy Will Be Maintained in Volusia County

Robed in spectral white, masked and hooded, cowed and gowned, members of the great secret organization, the Ku Klux Klan, marched in silent procession in Daytona last evening, to demonstrate the fact that the white race still maintains supremacy in this city and county, as well as in the South, and that fostering of the negro element in matters political will not be tolerated.

Following rumors which spread throughout the Triple Cities all day Monday, Beach street was lined with crowds and cars, an assemblage such as has seldom before been seen on local streets.

At 8:30 there appeared the flaming cross, emblem of the secret order which claims 100,000 members in Florida alone, of whom not one member is known by those not in the organization. The cross blazed forth from an island in the river—where it came from, who placed it there, remains a mystery. It was a silent announcement that those pledged to the flaming cross and the rituals which members take, would appear.

At nine o'clock there appeared the officials of the order, mounted, three in number, the leader of the body which marched here last evening, a bugler and an announcer, who stated that the Ku Klux Klan would march, and that no interference would be tolerated.

Following a half hour later came the silent phalanx, garbed in the official regalia of the order, marching single file, about eight feet apart, seventy-four members of the order being in the parade. The marchers appeared from the south, continued along Beach street to Second avenue, silently marched to the Daytona Industrial School for the Colored, continued through Midway, Waycross and other colored section of the city—and disappeared, nobody knew where.

As the body of men marched in rhythm down the streets, a hush came over the large crowds, sensing the significance of the order and what the men stood for. No interference was attempted, but rather did the crowds prove they understood the meaning of the spectacular parade, as they were cheered as they passed along the streets by the multitudes who appreciated what the order stands for.

Last night's demonstration proved that an organization of the Ku Klux Klan is in touch with local affairs. It has been rumored for many months that the secret body was fast organizing throughout the state, but not until last night was it evident that the body of men sworn to the death to keep the white race supreme were organized in this section of state.

Who are the members? From whence do they come? These questions raced among the crowds, and no one had an answer. No man has been asked to join, as far as can be learned. No man knew that the great organization was in touch with local affairs. Yet the existence of such an organization was most evident last evening.

The efforts of the morning paper to belittle the organization of the Ku Klux Klan, in saying that the parade was composed of Galbreath supporters from New Smyrna, to intimidate voters in today's election, is a statement which the News would not like to be responsible for. The workings of the order stretch over the entire South, taking no cognizance of petty political quarters, but stand for a greater meaning than such a statement implies.

"There is no question of white supremacy at stake in Volusia county," says the newspaper whose editor stands exposed as the seller of 400 negro voters and some white voters for \$2,000.

The Daily News knows nothing of the Ku Klux Klan, and has been unable to find out anything about the organization, but if it understands the men who are supposed to lead it, and the object of the organization, then it believes some cognizance will be taken of the charge.

**CHARGED \$18.15  
FOR SHOESHINE!**

SEATTLE, Nov. 2.—Leslie Murray, bootblack here, charged \$18.15 for a shoeshine. Revenue officers arrested him. "Shoeshine and moonshine at that price," says Murray.

## GENERAL WRANGLE'S FORCES DEFEATED IN SO. RUSSIA BY SOVIET

(International News Service.)

LONDON, Nov. 2.—General Wrangle's anti-Bolshevik army in South Russia has been decisively defeated and is retreating into Crimea, according to a Soviet dispatch from Moscow, which is unofficially confirmed in dispatches from Constantinople today.

## IRISH REVOLUTION AFFECTING TOURIST TRADE EVERYWHERE

(The Associated Press.)

DUBLIN, Nov. 2.—The tourist business in Ireland has been injuriously affected by the revolutionary disorders. Tourist agents and hotel keepers are in despair. North Wales and the Isle of Man have captured the visitors who used to come to Killarney and Glengariff. There has been a notable absence of the usual influx of Americans. Dublin has suffered less proportionately than other places, but Dublin's visitors did not take the risk of leaving it for the provinces. There was no danger to life or limb, but the dislocation of the railway service caused by the refusal of the railway men to carry soldiers, police or munitions made the train service so uncertain that nobody could count safely on reaching or returning from any given destination within the limits of a holiday.

## DUTCH HIT KAISER FOR BIG TAXATION ON HIS NEW HOME

(The Associated Press.)

DOORN, Holland, Nov. 2.—The village of Doorn now begins to look upon the former German emperor as a welcome guest. His residence here, under the new tax assessment levied on the exile, is expected to increase the town's income by about \$13,245 annually, being about 25 per cent of the entire municipal tax receipts of Doorn. This is the municipal share of the anticipated revenue from taxation of William's income which the Dutch government has estimated at the normal equivalent of \$522,600 annually.

## HOME OF THE LATE M'SWINEY RAIDED; SEARCH RELATIVES

(United Press.)

CORK, Nov. 2.—British soldiers raided the home of the late Terence MacSwiney last night and searched the ex-lord mayor's two sisters and two brothers, it is reported. Two lorries loaded with soldiers made the raid.

## PUBLIC DEBT IS REDUCED BY OVER \$24,000,000.00

(The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Treasury operations for October reduced the public debt by over twenty-four million dollars, leaving about twenty-four billion sixty-two million as the total debt.

## FEWER KILLED ON RAILROADS THIS YEAR THAN USUAL

(The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Fewer persons were killed on railroads last year than since the year 1898, the Interstate Commerce Commission announced today.

## THIRTY MILLION PEOPLE CASTING BALLOTS TODAY IN GENERAL ELECTIONS

(The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Before the dawn of another day the country in all likelihood will know whether Harding or Cox will be president, as it is generally agreed that none of the other five candidates has a chance. It is estimated that between twenty and thirty million votes will be cast, many women voting for the first time. There is intense interest in the fight for Senate and House. Thirty-four senators will be elected, thirty-two to fill seats now occupied by seventeen Democrats and fifteen Republicans, and two to fill the unexpired terms of the late Senators Bankhead and Martin. An entire new House, consisting of 435 members, is being chosen. Chairmen Hays and White continued confident of victory.

**Both Parties Confident.**  
(International News Service.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Approximately thirty million American men and women are going to the polls today to register a choice for president and vice-president of the United States. Four years ago 18,502,920 voted. The two party managers, with campaigns ended today, are speculating, figuring and receiving reports from every corner of the country east of the Mississippi. Weather generally is muggy, with rain in many places. Republicans disavowed the weather, heretofore frequently declaring their hopes of carrying the mountain border states like Kentucky and Tennessee, rested on fair weather. Both Democrats and Republicans, however, at headquarters, are breathing confidence of victory, casting aside claims. Neutral observers are generally agreed that the result of the election hangs on Indiana, Missouri, Colorado, Connecticut, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Ohio, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Arizona, Montana, Nevada and Utah. Early reports show heavy voting early with a large proportion of women.

**Harding Gets a Start.**  
(The Associated Press.)

BOSTON, Nov. 2.—First returns of the general election from the town of New Ashford gave the Republicans 28, Democrats 6. Four years ago Hughes got 16 and Wilson 7.

**Cox Back From Toledo.**  
(The Associated Press.)

DAYTON, Nov. 2.—Cox returned from Toledo and cast his ballot with Mrs. Cox at Crossroads store today, going to his home where he will remain until tonight when he will receive election returns at his newspaper office.

**Harding Votes With Wife.**  
(The Associated Press.)

MARION, Nov. 2.—Harding motored to Columbus today and played golf, returning to cast his ballot with Mrs. Harding. He will receive returns at his home with friends. A boisterous celebration is planned for tonight.

**First to Report.**  
(International News Service.)

NEW ASHFORD, Mass., Nov. 2.—This town, the first in the country to report the election today, gave: For president, Cox, six; Harding, twenty-eight. In 1917 Hughes got sixteen and Wilson seven.

**Johnson-Hoover Confab.**  
(The Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 2.—Zest was added to the election today by the publication of statements by Senator Johnson, opponent of the league, and Herbert Hoover, advocate of the league. Johnson claims Harding is against the league, and Hoover says Harding is for going into the league.

**No Women Vote in Georgia.**  
(The Associated Press.)

SAVANNAH, Nov. 2.—A negro woman appeared at the polls here today to vote, but was denied the privilege because of the Georgia law. No white women appeared here.

**Heavy Voting in South.**  
(The Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Nov. 2.—Heavy voting in the South, with thousands of women participating for the first time, is predicted by election officials, claiming the woman vote will help the Democratic cause. Fair weather prevailed in most localities. Democrats are confident they will make a clean sweep in all southern states. Many Georgia women are expected to demand the vote, despite the state law requiring registration six months before election.

**Many Negroes in Jacksonville.**  
(United Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 2.—Negroes comprised most of the early vote here today, crowding the polls. A record vote is indicated, despite intermittent showers.

**Showers in Atlanta.**  
(United Press.)

ATLANTA, Nov. 2.—Unsettled weather, with showers in scattered sections was election day weather reported here today. It was raining early in Mobile, Jacksonville and Atlanta.

**Heaviest Vote in New York History.**  
(United Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—The heaviest vote ever cast in a national election is being polled here, according to all reports reaching the United Press.

First reports were received from New Ashford, Mass., and Topeka, Kansas. New Ashford gave Harding 28 and Cox 6. Out of the first hundred in Wichita Second ward, Cox got 37 and Harding 3.

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**Roosevelt Casts Vote.**  
(United Press.)

POUGHKEPSIE, N. Y., Nov. 2.—Franklin Roosevelt escorted his wife and mother to a Hyde Park polling place at 9:30 this morning.

**Harding's Birthday Today.**  
(United Press.)

MARION, Nov. 2.—Today is Senator Harding's birthday. After accompanying his wife to the polls he returned home to celebrate his 53rd anniversary. Senator and Mrs. Harding were astir early and appeared in a companion frame of mind. If weather permits, Senator Harding will motor to Columbus for a game of golf and will return home in time for dinner and to receive returns by special wires.

**Extra Police at Philadelphia.**  
(United Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 2.—Hundreds of extra police patrolled polling places here on account of local bitterness in the election. Democrats are trying to get out the women vote.

**Gov. and Mrs. Coolidge Vote.**  
(The Associated Press.)

NORTHAMPTON, Nov. 2.—Governor Coolidge and his wife voted here. After an informal reception they returned to Boston, where they will receive election returns.

**Women Vote Heavy in North, Light in South.**  
(International News Service.)

ATLANTA, Nov. 2.—Voting in Georgia was comparatively light this forenoon, with rainy weather over the state. Through several decisions are women are not entitled to vote, it is reported that their ballots are being cast in a number of localities in the state.

In Atlanta women were voting in the Sixth Ward only, mostly negro women, this forenoon.

In Alabama voting is light, few women voting, their registration being light. No negroes are voting in Alabama. Democratic leaders of Tennessee claim Governor Cox will carry the state by 50,000. Republicans admit that Cox will probably run ahead of Harding, but they are claiming a Republican victory for state officers.

Democrats claim that in per cent of the women voting are voting Democratic tickets.

Louisiana—Rainy. Women in large numbers are voting a majority of them negroes, in New Orleans, where voting is heavy. Republicans claim the Third district, sugar parishes.

Maryland—Heavy voting started early in the cities, but in the country continued as slow work.

## Sparkman Threatens Libel Suit and Penitentiary Sentences to Who Exposed His Corruption

## EIGHT BURGLARS GET LIQUOR WORTH \$40,000 IN CHICAGO

(International News Service.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—Eight burglars crawled through a transom in the warehouse of Mahony Blanc & Company here today, bound and gagged the watchman, stole \$40,000 worth of whiskey, gin and brandy and hauled it away in two trucks.

## GERMANS ORGANIZE A BANK TO FOSTER THE RUSSIAN RELATIONS

(The Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Nov. 2.—A new bank capitalized at 11,000,000 marks has been organized here by a syndicate of German bankers and industrialists to foster trade relations between Germany and Russia. The new institution will co-operate with Petrograd and Moscow banks as well as with leading Russian industrialists.

It is proposed to include the Baltic and border states in the newly formed bank's sphere of influence.

The Vossische's financial editor says that the lively interest displayed by the United States and England in Russian trade relations should be an incentive for Germany to turn her trade eye to the East.

He declares that world conferences will discuss the European situation in vain so long as they continue to exclude Russia from their economic calculations.

## DEMOCRATS LOCKED OUT OF NEW YORK OFFICES THIS A. M.

(United Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—An effort was made to "lock out" the Democratic National committee from its offices in Grand Central Place here today for alleged non-payment of rent, according to a statement issued by the committee. The statement said the rent had been paid in full. The Merchants and Manufacturers Exchange, which operates the building, attempted to stop the whole machinery of the national committee by closing the doors, the statement declared. It is stated that they actually locked out the committee 15 minutes.

## STATE VOTE OF GA. MAY BE CHALLENGED; SUFFS DECLARE WAR

(United Press.)

ATLANTA, Nov. 2.—Threats were heard from both sides today on controversy over the suffrage differences in Georgia. Suffrage leaders and others declare the entire vote of the state will be challenged because women were refused the ballot.

State authorities believe hoaxes which women have voted may be thrown out as "irregular." Negro women are voting in the Sixth ward in Atlanta, almost two to one to the white women. Women in other wards, mostly negroes, presented themselves at the polls but were refused the right to vote.

## SERVED ONE FAMILY FOR FIFTY YEARS

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

EXETER, England, Nov. 1.—Mrs. Buckland has just died at the age of 78. She was in the service of one family for 56 years.

## COMPILATION OF CUBAN ELECTION RETURNS IS SLOW

(The Associated Press.)

HAVANA, Nov. 2.—Compilation of presidential election returns is slow. Both Zayas and Gomez claim the election. Disorders here were negligible at inauguration.

H. C. Sparkman, editor of the Morning Journal, says he will immediately file a libel suit against the publisher who circulated the "libel" against him, evidently meaning that he will file a libel suit against the Daily News for its exposure of his corruption in offering to sell to the Republican machine the votes of Daytona people. He also says he will go before the grand jury which convenes at Daytona next week and seek indictments for forgery against the ones whom he alleges forged the letter that was published in the Daily News.

Judas Escariot, over two thousand years ago, denied that he was the Saviour but the people of the world did not believe him. Sparkman denies that he attempted to sell the votes of the people of Daytona, but the people of Volusia county do not believe him. If the letter published by the Daily News yesterday was a forgery, as Mr. Sparkman declares, he was grossly libeled and the words of the land are open to him, and he and his cohorts are urgently invited to proceed.

## TIME IS NOTHING TO SPANISH WHO ARE MOVING WEST

(United Press.)

MADRID, Nov. 1.—Spanish leaders after a short stay in Madrid begin to doubt whether Spaniards are able to tell the time. There are scores of public clocks in government buildings and on church towers and nearly every Spaniard carries a watch, which he often looks at, but apparently these do not mean anything to the average citizen.

An invitation to a meal at a certain hour means that the host or the guest will appear half an hour or more late. An appointment for a fixed hour and place nearly always finds both parties absent at the hour named. An interview arranged with an official requires usually a wait of an hour in the afternoon. The tailor will not be ready to try on your suit until at least two days after he has promised to do so. Trains rarely start and never arrive at the scheduled hour. There are some few indications of the little interest Spaniards show in the time.

It is either morning, noon, evening or night with Spaniards generally—and, of course, the eternal moment which never comes. The exact hour is nothing to them, yet thousands of them will assemble on the Puerta del Sol to watch the fall of the globe on the ministry of the interior at noon every day.

## MOSCOW GARRISON IS IN REVOLT; FINNISH TROOPS SUPPRESS IT

(United Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The Moscow garrison is in revolt, according to messages received from Helsingfors. Dispatches said Finnish Cossack troops were hurrying to Petrograd and Moscow to suppress the revolt. Communication with Petrograd has been suspended.

## NEW TABLE ORNAMENT

(International News Service.)

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Imagined figures of every description and color are taking the place of the costly specimens of glass.

The newest substitute consists of irregular fragments of colored glass which are intended to partly fill a shallow bowl of black glass, in which a small quantity of white marble shavings. Water is then poured into the bowl, increasing the transparent brilliancy of the glowing glass.

As a table decoration the arrangement is novel and effective.

## FINE CHANCE FOR A "SPORTY BOY"

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)

LONDON, Nov. 1.—From London Times: "Sporty boy" wanted. Age 18-22. Should be put to two robust boys, age 7 and 8. Father, temperamental; mother, fat and good tempered; good wages, tough and weak, 1874 class composition.





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## THE DAYTONA BEACH-SEABREEZE

DAYTONA BEACH AND SEABREEZE, FLORIDA, TUESDAY, NOV. 2, 1920

### Greetings!

Being vitally interested in the welfare and progressive development of Daytona Beach and Seabreeze and feeling that every forward step of progress reflected in the success of the community, we welcome the initial issues of the Daytona Beach-Seabreeze Daily News, trusting that it may be the means of closer association of our interests and may largely assist in the rapid growth of this community.

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### Flagler County Officials Promise Improvement to Road Leading to Volusia

Secretary R. L. Selden of the Daytona Beach-Seabreeze Chamber of Commerce has received the promise of the County Board of Commissioners of Flagler county to make repairs to the present Dixie Highway route leading from Bunnell to Volusia county and thence to the beach.

Mr. Selden visited the commissioners of that county last week and begged that body to do something to rectify the deplorable condition of the road between the Volusia county line and the beach, which commences some eight miles south of Bunnell, a stretch of six to eight miles of as bad a piece of road as is found in the state, so touring motorists say.

The commissioners say they will do something. So they have said for several years, and still the road continues to go from bad to worse. It is hoped by members of the local Chamber of Commerce that their request, through their secretary, that the road be repaired at this time will have some effect.

The offices of the newly organized Chamber of Commerce is flooded these days with inquiries for work and for information as to openings for businesses of every nature.

The secretary has received requests for information regarding the opening of a haberdashery shop, a tea room and restaurant, the latter applicants having conducted a restaurant in St. Petersburg last season and are desirous of getting on the East Coast this year.

Many others write regarding the leasing of small hotels and boarding houses, the renting of homes of every description, and for positions of every nature. The inquiries regarding real estate are turned over to the real estate firms by the secretary, who are instructed to take up direct the matter of locations.

**May Bring 40 People Here**  
A man in Story Center, Iowa, writes Secretary Selden that he is planning to bring between 30 and 40 people in one party to the beach, to remain all season, if accommodations can be obtained for them. Other parties of from a half dozen to a dozen write that they will be on the way to the beach as soon as they cast their vote today.

The publicity committee of the Chamber of Commerce recently held a special meeting and selected 22 views from the many which were taken by C. E. Grenell for the booklet which will be issued, which it is expected will be received from the printers about December 15th.

**Getting Figures on Electric Sign**  
The secretary has, this week, submitted plans and specifications to three electrical contractors for the securing of cost figures for the huge electric sign which the Chamber of Commerce contemplates erecting on the beach side of the Halifax facing Daytona, which will be electrically lighted by night and which will be easily readable by day.

The sign will be of immense proportions, one of the greatest advertising features for the beach possible to obtain, members believe. It is hoped to erect the sign before the end of the year.

Data has been furnished the Louisville & Nashville railway this week regarding the peninsula towns for a booklet which that railway is issuing, covering all facts and figures of Daytona Beach and Seabreeze.

Mrs. A. J. Johnson has returned to her Earl street home for the winter season. Mr. Johnson passed away at the beach home last spring, having been a member of the Seabreeze council at the time, and instrumental in the growth of the peninsula in many ways.

**PENINSULA CLUB TO HOLD MEETING TOMORROW**  
The first meeting of the Peninsula club occurs Thursday at 2:30 o'clock, at the clubhouse on Vermont avenue, according to a statement by Mrs. J. W. Hanstead, secretary. The officers earnestly desire all members who are here to be present, as very important business is to be transacted. Every member is asked to give some interesting experience of her summer. Mrs. Sears will not be able to be present on account of illness.

The new Turkish minister of the interior is Marshal Izet. One might say that anything that izet goes to the interior.

### NEGOTIATIONS FOR A CAMPING SITE CONTINUE

Secretary Rhey L. Selden, of the Daytona Beach-Seabreeze Chamber of Commerce, announces that negotiations are progressing favorably for the location of a camping site on the peninsula and that a site will be chosen and arrangements completed, whereby the free auto camp will be in operation, with all conveniences by the end of the present week.

Special equipment and comforts will be added by the Chamber of Commerce, which will make the free auto camp one of the most attractive on the East Coast, for motorists touring through.

### PENINSULA LOCALS

Kitchen's orchestra, which some weeks ago signed a contract for lease of the dance floor at the Daytona Beach Casino, will inaugurate dancing at that popular amusement center tonight, and will continue each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the winter season. With no regular dancing in the Triple Cities at this time it is expected that the Casino will add greatly to its popularity under the management of Kitchen's orchestra, which played in Jacksonville for several seasons. Cockrane Keating, manager of the Casino, will continue to operate the balance of the amusement place, including the fishing pier, bathing and stands.

One of the most attractive homes in Seabreeze, which is about completed after work all summer, is that of Geo. F. Johnson, which stands directly opposite the home of his brother, C. Fred Johnson, which home Fuquay & Gheen also built last year. It is anticipated by the contractors that the Johnson home will be ready for occupancy by November 15th, and that Mr. Johnson and family will arrive shortly after that time, for the winter season, from their home in Johnson City, N. Y.

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### JUDGE FISH OF DELAND SPEAKS ON BALLOT LAW TO PEN. VOTERS

Judge Bert Fish, of Deland, before some hundred and fifty voters of the beach, largely composed of women registrants, expounded the law and the marking of the ballot for today's election, the meeting being held at the Auditorium last evening.

The meeting was most representative of beach voters and the knowledge which Mr. Fish gave as to marking of ballots was greatly appreciated by the large number present, although several questions were raised by the audience which Mr. Fish failed to answer to the satisfaction of a large number present.

Opening with a discussion of the road bond issue, which is one of the questions to be decided throughout the state today, Mr. Fish stated that he was opposed to the issue, and gave him reasons why—because Volusia county is heavily bonded for roads and has an excellent system which would largely go to the discard if the constitutional amendment was passed. As most of his hearers were of the same opinion, it is believed the vote today in Seabreeze-Daytona Beach precinct will be heavily against the road bond issue.

Mr. Fish explained to the satisfaction of those present the method of choosing presidential electors, and explained the ticket in full. As he had delivered the same address to the ladies of the Palmetto club, he anticipated many questions in his talk, covering fully every feature of election matters so far as they related to today's ballot.

The question was asked Mr. Fish, that if Democrats split their ticket and voted for anyone other than those chosen by the election board as the candidate, if that person would be disqualified in the next primary. Mr. Fish stated that they would. The question was asked if, on the ticket it happened that out of thirty men, one was a notorious scoundrel, although a Democrat, if it would be necessary, according to his views to vote for that man rather than one in any other party who was known to be a capable official. Mr. Fish stated it would be necessary to vote for the scoundrel.

It was stated by one in the audience, who happened to be a candidate in the present election, if the Democratic party would disqualify all those, to the supposed number of at least 51 per cent of the Democratic party, who have confessed that they would vote for others than the Democratic nominees. Mr. Fish stated that every man known to have split his ticket and voted for an independent, or nominees of other parties, would be challenged and disqualified at the next primary. But from the attitude of his hearers and from conversations among the audience, not a great deal of faith was put in Mr. Fish's answer to this question, and it is believed the undercurrent of this thought, carried through his talk, will have little effect on the voting at the beach today for independent candidates, or Republican nominees.

The meeting last evening was held under the auspices of the Peninsula Child Conservation League, the Palmetto orchestra rendering a musical program before the address.

### YOUNGSTERS ENJOY A HALLOWEEN PARTY

Mrs. A. L. Dorman delightfully entertained a number of friends of Virginia and Lawrence Dorman, at the home in Vining Court Saturday evening, the children enjoying Halloween stunts during the evening, and were treated to a delightful spread, the dining room being tastefully decorated for the occasion.

Among the children who were guests of Virginia and Lawrence Dorman were: Hester Vining, Charlotte Hoeye, Gertrude Atkins, Naomi Young, J. W. White, John Atkins, Jack Latham and Bobby Bogart.

The children voted Mrs. Dorman a delightful hostess and thoroughly enjoyed the evening of fun.

### MILLERAND'S FATHER WAS WINE MERCHANT

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)  
PARIS, Nov. 1.—With the selection of M. Millerand as president of France, it has come out that his father kept a wine shop in a working class district, and that his mother was a Jewess whose ambition for her son aided him in reaching success.

### Notable Catholic Orator Will Open Sunday Forum Program at the Peninsula Auditorium

### BLAISDELL BUYS ANTHONY REPAIR SHOP ON BEACH

Gordon B. Blaisdell, of Holly Hill, well known in the Triple Cities, has purchased the large shoe repairing plant of Anthony Bros., which that company has conducted on Main street for several years.

Mr. Blaisdell will take charge of the plant with a day or two, and open to the trade in shoe repairing.

He recently purchased several lots in Holly Hill, and contemplated the erection of a home there.

The addition of Mr. Blaisdell to the business life of the community is one which means added interest.

### PENINSULA LOCALS

Miss Carrington, of Indiana, has arrived for the winter season, to be spent with her aunt, Mrs. Fred Stone.

Dick Niven, son of Mayor and Mrs. Niven of Peninsula Drive, is now employed in the Daytona Beach postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dunlap, of Los Angeles, Cal., are among recent arrivals at the beach, having taken one of the cottages in Vining court for the winter season.

Lagree McLarty, of Harton Bros. garage, had the misfortune over the week-end of breaking his arm while cranking a Cadillac at Harton's. It is now responding to treatment, although he has suffered greatly from the fracture.

With the expected shipment of tile for the roofing due here this week, the new L. E. Gardiner home on the river front, in Seabreeze, is expected to be finished within a short time by Fuquay & Gheen, the contractors, who have converted the home into one of the most attractive residences on the beach. Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner are expected at the beach from their home in Toledo directly after election.

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Father John Ryan, one of the most noted Catholic leaders in America, will open the Sunday Forum meetings at the Auditorium for the 1921 season, to speak on Sunday afternoon January 2.

Father Ryan is professor of Moral Theology and Industrial Ethics in the Catholic university at Washington, D. C., and is a director of the department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Council. He is author of such widely read books as "A Living Wage," "Distributive Justice," "Social Reconstruction," and other works on economic subjects.

His subject at the Auditorium in January will be "Industrial Democracy versus Industrial Autocracy," a subject on which he is perhaps more conversant than any other speaker in America.

Father Ryan received great praise, and became widely known during 1912 and 1914, by the debate which he carried on through Everybody's Magazine with Morris Hillquit, on Socialism, Hillquit being one of the greatest Socialists of America, while Father Ryan is noted for his views opposing Socialism.

It will be with great pleasure that many will hear Father Ryan deliver his views on opposing Socialism, at the Auditorium. It was planned last season that a noted Catholic priest would close the Sunday Forum meetings, but because of a mistake in arrangements this was not done. For this reason the opening date is made for Father Ryan.

Since the Sunday Forum meetings are devoid of religious features, inasmuch as no class or creed is given preference, it is believed that, with Father Ryan as representative of the Catholic faith, with many other noted speakers as representatives of other faiths, an open Forum of the greatest good will be a matter of fact.

The Sunday Forum will be continued throughout the months of January, February, March and April, making the course somewhat longer than last year, giving an opportunity for hearing more than a dozen of the greatest platform speakers of the day.

President Robert S. Holmes, of the Community Forum, and his assistants are to be congratulated upon their success in obtaining so eminent a man as Father Ryan to open the 1921 course at the Auditorium.

The Breakers hotel entertained many guests over the week-end, all expressing great pleasure at the redecoration and refurnishing of the dining room, overlooking the ocean, which Mr. Hunt, the new manager, has added to the hotel.

### CANADA PLANS EXHIBIT CHICAGO LIVESTOCK SHOW

(International News Service)  
WINNIPEG, Man., Nov. 1.—Rivalry for premier honors at the big international livestock show in Chicago will be keen between American and Canadian farmers. Appropriation has just been made by the Manitoba government to cover expenses of sending a large exhibit which will be selected by the various livestock associations. A carload of Yorkshire hogs will be sent to show what can be done in hog production without corn.

Canadian agriculturists are keenly interested in the announcement that \$10,000 will be given by the Chicago Board of Trade for the best exhibits of grain, hay and seeds at the International Grain and Hay show, November 27 to December 4, to be held in connection with the livestock exhibition. These prizes are offered in the interest of improving the quality and quantity of farm yields. Many contests will have exhibits, as will also the United States Department of Agriculture.

Farmers of Canada are going after the \$10,000 as well as the livestock honors.

### BLAMES HARD LUCK FOR HIS DOWNFALL

(Newspaper Enterprise Assn.)  
LONDON, Nov. 1.—George Whitehead was arrested for obtaining money by false pretenses. He blamed hard luck. This was his story. Whitehead blew in his shop windows, burglars stole his cash box; his health broke down; sold furniture to get food, and then had to pawn everything he had to provide for wife and child. Sent to workhouse for a month.

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## RED CROSS LEARNS OF NARROW ESCAPE OF JAX. OFFICER

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 2.—As the result of weeks of investigation by the American Red Cross, it is believed that Captain Meriam J. Cooper, of Jacksonville, Fla., an American aviator who disappeared while serving with the Polish army, has at last been located. He is thought to be the prisoner of the Bolsheviks in Kiev, Russia.

Southern division headquarters of the Red Cross received this report today from national headquarters at Washington, which in turn had received it from Red Cross representatives in Warsaw.

Captain Cooper disappeared July 13 while with the Kosciuszko Aero Squadron, famous volunteer American flying unit with the Polish army. He was making a flight over the lines of the Red army and was shot down.

For a time he was given up for dead, but investigation set under way by the Red Cross reveals that Captain Cooper, though seriously wounded, succeeded in making a landing and was surrounded by Bolshevik cavalry. According to the report received here, he was about to be executed when one of the Bolsheviks, a Russian who had been to America and spoke English, listened to Cooper's story and interceded in his behalf. Information has reached the Red Cross in Warsaw that he was taken to Kiev, where he is now supposed to be in a prison camp.

## OLDEST ODD FELLOW DEAD

(International News Service.)  
MANCHESTER, N. H., Nov. 2.—George C. Main, who claimed to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the world, is dead at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Walker S. Holt, No. 412 Amherst street. He was aged one hundred years, eleven months, eighteen days. Mr. Main was a member of White Mountain Lodge, Odd Fellows, which he declared he joined March 22, 1844, and Penacook Encampment. He held the record for being the oldest member of the old-time fire department of Concord, N. H.

## "THEN THE FUN BEGAN"

(International News Service.)  
BLAINE, Ohio, Nov. 2.—Two young sons of Charles Seabright decided to cook a meal while their parents were away. The fire did not start rapidly enough, so they obtained gasoline from an auto and poured it into the kitchen stove. Neighbors saved the house.

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## FOURTEEN BILLION CROWNS DEFICIT IN AUSTRIA THIS YEAR

(The Associated Press.)  
VIENNA, Nov. 2.—A government deficit for the current year of 13,000,000,000 crowns is admitted by the Finance department. Other estimates, however, place it at a much larger figure. In view of the constant demand of state employees for increased wages and allowances which the government must concede.

Replying to a delegation of civil servants the government admitted that there were 60,000 more employees on the payroll at present than were covered in the estimates. Also it was confessed that it was next to impossible to reduce the list, and throw these people into the ranks of the unemployed with the approach of winter.

## ANY DANCE EXCEPT "SHIMMY" ALL RIGHT IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

(International News Service.)  
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 1.—"Any dance, barring only the shimmy shake, is all right if you assume the correct position for dancing it," says Mrs. Evelyn Scatterday, city dance hall inspector, who rules that dances should be things of delight.

"No effort will be made to restrict any manner of dancing, barring the shimmy, in Columbus, provided the dancers take the right positions in dancing. Our program will be to foster the best steps, but we shall be careful to see just how any dance is performed."

"If dance partners are too close together to objectionable dancing is possible."

"That is where the rub comes—some dancers will not see the propriety of keeping a proper distance between themselves and their partners."

"Dancing is but an interpretation of music. If we have cheap, vulgar music we may expect cheap and vulgar dancing."

"Music for dancing should be bright and cheerful, making dancing a clean pleasure and a delight to those who indulge. That bars the lower forms of jazz music."

## BEST MAN AT A WEDDING IS STRICKEN TOTALLY BLIND

(International News Service.)  
PAWTUCKET, R. I., Nov. 1.—Stricken suddenly blind while acting as best man at a wedding, William Allison concealed the fact and calmly went through with his part of the ceremony.

He collapsed when it was over and was treated by eye specialists, who stated that he was totally blind and would probably not regain his sight.

Allison was acting as best man to Robert Williams, who was married to Mrs. Ida Caston.

The ceremony was performed at the Congdon street Baptist church. Allison is a graduate of Pawtucket High school and was well known as a football player. He is twenty-four years old.

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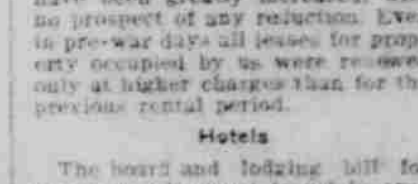
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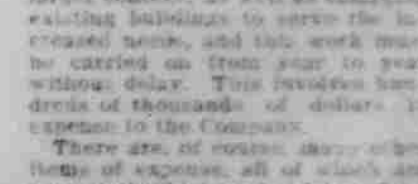
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## H. Gross Puts on a 10-Day Sale at New So. Beach St. Store

A ten days' sale, which will include reduced prices on every article in his new store, which is stocked to the limit with winter goods, will commence at the shop of H. Gross, at 24 South Beach street, Wednesday.

Mr. Gross states that he will place on sale exclusive lines of hand embroidered linens and real laces, waists, underwear, sweaters, kimono, in fact everything in his large stock. A list of scores of prices will be found in this issue, that patrons may appreciate the extent of the sale which starts tomorrow.

Mr. Gross, who formerly conducted the Lace Shop in Daytona, is well known, his patrons being assured of the excellence of the articles which he is placing on sale and being assured bottom prices on every article.

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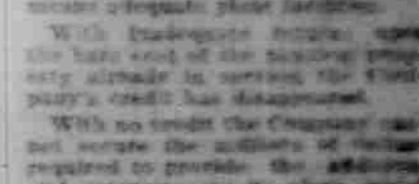
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## Hon. Calvin Coolidge

Governor of the State of Massachusetts and President of the United States

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This bank will help you to attain by saving 4 per cent interest, subject to usual regulations

## First National Bank of Daytona

"Teach Your Dollars to Have More Cents"

## A LETTER OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST AND THE REPLY

The Following Correspondence Is of Vital Interest to Every Telephone User, Present and Prospective

New Orleans, La., October 12, 1920.

Mr. J. Epps Brown, President,  
Bell Telephone Co.,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

I have read the advertisements of your Company, but I do not understand why you must raise your rates now, when the prices of everything else are falling.

Will you please explain this?

Yours truly,

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 16, 1920.  
Mr. J. Epps Brown,  
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 12th asks a very natural question, and one which demands a full and frank reply, which I am glad to make. While the prices of a great many things have, apparently, been reduced, these reductions in prices do not apply to articles used by the telephone company, or affect the expenditures necessary in the construction, maintenance and operation of the telephone plant.

The following classes of expenses constitute more than ninety-five per cent of the cost of furnishing telephone service:

**Labor**  
More than fifty-five per cent of the total expenditures of the Company in rendering service are for wages and salaries; less than one-tenth of one per cent of this being for executive and general salaries.

The wages paid to our employees are not, and should not be, reduced. On the contrary they must be increased in many cases, to bring our wage scale on a level with wages paid by unregulated businesses, so that we may retain our skilled employees necessary to give you efficient service.

**Material and Apparatus**  
Many items of material and apparatus are involved in the current maintenance of the property, such as the replacement of the numerous quantities involved in the reconstruction of new property, and this represents a large item of expense.

There has been no reduction, nor any indication of reduction, in the price of these essential articles, in practically all of which the labor, freight and hauling cost is by far the largest proportion of the total cost.

We know that the manufacturers of telephone equipment and material have orders booked for two years in advance, with a constantly increasing demand, and which in turn makes a reduction in price in the near future most impracticable.

**Freight and Passenger Costs**  
Our annual expense for the transportation of freight and passengers is more than one million dollars. No one expects the railroads to reduce their charges under the level of costs in rendering their service.

**Rent**  
Except in the larger centers our central offices and stocks of material are housed in rented buildings, and even in the larger centers we rent varying amounts of properties.

Like every one else, our rents have been greatly increased, with no prospect of any reduction. Even in pre-war days all leases for property occupied by us were renewed only at higher charges than for the previous rental period.

**Hotels**  
The board and lodging bill for our men, who must travel in connection with the operation and maintenance of the property, costs many thousands of dollars every year, and we can see no prospect

of the hotels lowering their charges. Until they do we must pay the present high charges.

**Electric Power and Light; Street Car Fare**

We spend many thousands of dollars every year for these services rendered to employees engaged in the maintenance of the property. In the majority of cases the rates charged by these companies have been substantially increased, and there is no thought of any reduction. The Telephone Company, like all others, must pay these increased rates.

**Paper, Printing and Stationery**

We consume tons of paper for book-keeping, correspondence and directory purposes, and pay many thousands of dollars for printing annually. This item of expense has increased in percentage more than the others, and no one has suggested that any reduction in these costs is probable.

**Coal Bill**

The Telephone Company purchases coal in large quantities for heating the buildings occupied by its employees in rendering the service. We, of course, must pay whatever price is necessary to secure the coal for this purpose.

**Insurance**  
Even where the actual rate per one thousand dollars has not been increased, we are compelled to carry a larger amount of insurance than in previous days in order to protect ourselves in the reconstruction of any of the property which may be destroyed by fire, and this is reflected in a very large increase in the total insurance bill.

**Taxes**  
This expense, both Federal, State, County and City, has increased every year we have been in business, the increase this year being substantially high. There is no probability of this expense being reduced.

We do not pay any excess profit tax because we have never earned enough to be subject to that tax.

**Buildings**

It is common knowledge that the cost of erecting any kind of building now, as well as making alterations and repairs, which constantly confront the Telephone Company and which involve material, labor, freight and hauling, is on an enormously higher plane than ever before. In fact as the cost of materials may be reduced with this total cost is reduced.

The only way we can furnish adequate facilities for your use from year to year is by reconstructing the buildings in which to house the central office apparatus in the larger centers, as well as enlarging existing buildings to serve the increased needs, and this work must be carried on from year to year without delay. This involves hundreds of thousands of dollars in expense to the Company.

There are, of course, many other items of expense, all of which are now at the highest level in prices, and none of which show any sign of reduction for fundamental reasons.

Until these necessary costs of

operation are materially reduced we can not reduce the COSTS of furnishing telephone service.

We have carefully studied and analyzed the advertised reduction in prices and find that they are upon articles of which we make but little, if any, use. Applied to the telephone business all having reduction in prices would not reduce the cost of furnishing telephone service one-twentieth of one per cent.

This is many times offset by the increase in wages which, in many places, we must make during the current year.

Our present operating revenues are practically equalled by our operating expenses. If the present let-down in general business continues for any appreciable time we will lose a material part of the gross revenue now received, which will make a still higher rate necessary if a deficit is avoided.

We are not asking higher rates for the SAME SERVICE we furnished one, two or three years ago. We are asking for a much better SERVICE which we now furnish.

Our facilities to serve many additional telephones in our system during the past one, two and three years.

This fact should be considered when comparing the increase in rates we ask with the increase in the charges of railroad, express and other public utilities for the same quantity of service.

We hope we may see some relief in the relatively near future, and the ease of operation, repair, labor, will be lower, but we are an industrial product of the month as far as the Telephone Company is concerned.

The increased rates we are asking are based on a business, not on a hope. If the present level of rates is maintained, the Telephone Company would be forced to reduce the rates, and the Telephone Company would be forced to reduce the rates.

Conditions as they are now are not, and we must pay or demand it. The highest and best interest of the public is concerned in having the Telephone Company in position to supply facilities adequate to the demand for telephone service, and in this way be prepared to render at all times an efficient service. No company can expect to grow without adequate telephone service, which is the most modern telephone plant facilities.

With inadequate facilities, upon the one hand, and the increasing expense of operation, upon the other, the Telephone Company's credit has disappeared.

We would credit the Company with the ability to provide the additional and necessary facilities, which should be provided if the public demand for telephone is recognized. Sincerely yours,

J. EPPS BROWN, President.







